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33rd, Annual Session

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PRIMITIVE BAPTIST

ASSOCIATION

—CONVENED WITH—

ROUND HILL CHURCH

Wilkes County N. C.,

OCTOBER 25, and 26, 1901.

MODERATOR: ELD. WM. MILES.
CLERK & TREAS.: ELD. J. M. OWENS.

The next session will convene with Oak Grove church, 8 miles north of Dobson, N. C., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1902. Eld. J. O. Wood to preach the introductory sermon. Eld. Eli Sebastian alternate.

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ROLL OF DELEGATES.

BETHANY.—J. M. Owens, N. W. Harrald, Daniel Wood, C. L. Cheek, J. O. Wood.

BETHEL.—D. S. Elledge, J. P. Elledge.

CANE CREEK.—H. A. Adams, W. G. Felts, W. L. Shumate.

CENTER.—F. M. Adams, J. A. Roberson, W. B. Brown, D. M. Hays.

ELKIN VALLEY.—C. A. Cooper.

FAIR VIEW.—Wm. McGrady, S. C. Church, J. C. Hall.

FRIENDSHIP.—J. M. Gentry, A. B. Woodruff, F. Pardew.

GARDEN CREEK.—J. M. Brown, F. M. Brooks, J. P. Brooks, J. S. Brooks, S. M. Warren.

LIBERTY KNOB.—Wm. Miles, H. A. Wood, J. W. Brooks, G. W. Miles, John Wood.

OAK LEVEL.—J. P. Cockerham, Calvin Waddell, Matterson Gentry.

PLEASANT GROVE.—J. W. Mahaffey.

RACHEL.—R. Wilmoth, C. E. Dimmette, Jas. Dimmette, J. W. Byrd, J. H. Boaz.

ROARING RIVER.—T. R. Cockerham, D. L. McBride, G. W. Brown, M. G. McBride.

ROUND HILL.—M. F. Richardson, Noah Waddell, Ezekiel Absher.

ROUND MOUNTAIN.—W. F. Greogry, A. Felts, L. Wood, A. Caudill.

WHITE OAK.—F. M. Walker, G. W. McCann, L. R. Pardew, F. W. Norman, Samuel Hanks.

ZION.—Eli Sebastian, Wm. Harrald, G. W. Sebastian, J. W. Brown.

OAK GROVE.—Abram Ayers, Robert Cook, Jackson Keey.

PROCEEDINGS.

Friday, Oct. 25th, 1901.

The Thirty-third Annual Session of the Primitive Baptist Association convened with Round Hill church October the 25th, 1901. Introductory services: Song: "Brethren we have met again." Prayer offered by Eld. A. McKnight, correspondent from Little River. Sermon by Eld. W. F, Gregory, Text: Cor. 13 : 8 "Charity never faileth." Twenty minutes intermission.

Opening services: Song: "In all my Lord's appointed ways." Prayer by Eld. Wm. Miles. Called for Associational letters and seven-teen were handed in and read.

1st. On motion, called for newly constituted churches of same faith and order when Oak Grove church presented a letter and was recived.

2nd. Appointed Elds. M. E. Pool, A. McKnight and David Roten tellers, who reported Eld. Wm. Miles Moderator, Eld. J. M. Owens Clerk.

3rd. On motion, received the report and discharged the brethren.

4th. On motion, invited Correspondents of the same faith and order, when Elds. A. McKnight, M. E. Pool and Bro. S. Edwards from Little River, and Elds. David Roten, Wm. Brooks and H. R. Wagoner from the Mountain Union assaciations accepted seats with our body.

5th. On motion, invited Transients and Visitors of our faith and order. None present.

6th. On motion, authorized the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

7th. Appointed J. M. Gentry, F. W. Norman, J. C. Hall with the delegates of this church Committee on the ministry who reported for to-morrow: 1st, Eld. David Roten; 2nd, Eld. M. E. Pool; 3rd, Eld. Wm. Brooks.

8th. Appointed Elds. J. O. Wood, W. F. Gregory, Eli Sebastian and Bros. J. P. Elledge and A. Caudill Committee of Arrangements.

9th. On motion, invited the Moderator, Clerk, Correspondents and Visitors to sit with them.

10th. Appointed G. W. Brown, G. W. Sebastian, Abram Ayers Committee on Finance.

11th. Appointed Henry Cook, J. M. Brown, M. F. Richardson Committee on Sabbath Schools.

12th. Appointed W. B. Brown, Eld. W. F. Gregory, L. Wood Committee on Resolutions.

13th. Appointed G. W. Sebastian to write a corresponding letter to the Mountain Union Aassociation, C. E. Dimmette to the Blue Ridge and G. W. Miles to Little River.

14th. Retained the old Committee on Obituaries.

15th. On motion, adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock A. M. Song: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Prayer by Eld. Wm. Brooks. Benediction by the Moderator.

Second Day.

Saturday, Oct. 26, 1901.

Met persuant to adjournment of yesterday. Song: "Amazing grace." Prayer by N. W. Harrald.

1st. Called roll of delegates and marked absentees.

2nd. Called on Committee of Arrangements to report, who reported and were discharged.

3rd. On motion, agree to dispose of items in the order they appear on the bill of arrangements.

4th. Read Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

5th. Extended an invitation to transients and visitors of our faith and order, when Bro. Wiley Combs from Little River came forward and accepted a seat with us.

6th. On motion, read the minutes of yesterday which were received.

7th. Called on Committe on Sabbath Schools to report, who reported as follows:

"We believe it is the duty of the churches of our union to organize and carry on Sunday Schools in their respective churches, teaching the word of God in its pure light. As Christ entered in to the Synagogues on the Sabbath days and taught the people, so should the churches."

M. F. Richardson,
Henry Cook,
J. M. Brown, } Committee.

Report received and Committee discharged.

8th. Called on Corresponding brethren to report: Elds. Eli Sebastian, W. F. Gregory and Bros. J. P. Cockerham, J. A. Roberson visited the Little River and Bro. J. P. Cockerham visited the Mountain Union Associations. Report received and brethren discharged.

9th. Called on the brethren, who were appointed to write corresponding letters, to read them. Letters read and brethren discharged.

10th. Appointed Correspondents to sister associations as follows: Elds. Eli Sebastian, W. F. Gregory, Bros. J. A. Roberson and J. W. Brooks to Mountain Union; Bros. A. Caudill, J. A. Roberson and D. M. Hays to the Blue Ridge; Elds. Wm. Miles, Eli Sebastian, W. F. Gregory, Bros. Noah Waddell, J. P. Elledge, G. W. McCann, L. R. Pardew, J. A. Roberson, C. Waddell, J. M Brown, J. M. Gentry, G. W. Miles and J. P. Brooks to Little River.

11th. Called on Finance Committee to report, who reported received from the churches $14.35; from Treasurer $7.00; total $21.35. Report received and Committee discharged.

12th. Called on Committee on Ministry to report who reported for Sabbath: 1st, Eld. M. E. Pool; 2nd, Eld. A. McKnight. Report received, Com. discharged.

13th. Called on Committee on Resolutions, who submitted the following:

"Resolved, 1st That we advise all the members of the Primitive Baptist Association to strictly comply with the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith, laying aside every sin that doth so easily beset us. 2nd, We further advise all our members of the different churches to promptly attend their church-meetings, not forsake the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is. 3rd, Paul says to withdraw thyself from every brother that walketh disorderly. 4th. We further recommend comfortable church-houses, and the churches to hold up their ministers and the poor by their contributions and prayers. 5th. We advise our brethren and sisters to be temperate in all things that the Bible teaches. And, 6th. That, we return our sincere thanks to God, the Brethren, Sisters and friends in this community for their kind, generous and liberal hospitality during this session of our association."

W. F. Gregory,
L. Wood,
W. B. Brown,
} Committee.

Report received and Committee discharged.

14th. Called for obituaries for publication this year. Six were handed in.

15th. On motion, authorized the Clerk to mail our corresponding letters and one minute for each church to the Clerks of the associations with which we are in correspondence.

16th. Called on the Committee who were appointed to visit Pleasant Grove church, who reported. Report received and Committee discharged.

17th. On motion, ordered the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith printed in our minutes this year.

18th. On motion, appointed the Clerk Treasurer, and ordered that he superintend the printing and distribution of 700 copies of these minutes, and allow him $4.00 for his services.

19th. On motion, we liberate Eld. W. F. Gregory to go and preach where he thinks he can do the most good.

20th. On motion, agree that the surplus money in the hands of the Treasurer be devided between the Moderator and Corresponding Brethren, the Moderator to have half, the Corresponding Brethren the remainder equally devided between them.

21st. On motion, authorized the Clerk to correct all mistakes.

22nd. Appointed our next session to convene with Oak Grove church, 8 miles north of Dobson, near Hay Stacks, Surry Co., N. C., commencing on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October 1902. Eld. J. O. Wood to preach the introductory sermon and Eld. Eli Sebastian alternate.

23rd. On motion, adjourned until time and place of our next association at 12 o'clock M. Prayer offered by Wiley Combs. Benediction by the Moderator.

ELD. WM. MILES, MODERATOR.

ELD. J. M. OWENS, CLERK.

Sabbath.

Sunday, Oct. 27th, 1901.

The stand was accepted by the appointees. There was in attendance a large orderly congregation to hear the Word preached. Services opened by singing "How precious is the Book Divine," and Eld. Wm Brooks leading in prayer. 1st. Sermon by Eld. M. E. Pool, Text: 58th, chapter and 13, 14, verses of Isaiah, "For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it, etc." 2nd. Sermon by Eld. A. McKnight, Text: Matthew 28 chapter, and 18th, verse, "All power in heaven and in earth is given unto me, etc." Brethren and Sisters pray the Lord of harvest to send more laborers into the harvest. Amen.

OBITUARIES.

Brother J. M. Harrald was born September 16th, 1837, and died September the 25th, 1900. He was one among the best neighbors we had, and a leader in the church, always prompt to fill his seat at church; but the Lord called him and he had to go. He said he had heard so much said about that happy place he wanted to go and see for himself. He was married to Nancy Matilda Sebastian April the 8th, 1858. There were raised unto them two children, both of whom are still living. Sister Harrald, the wife of Bro. J. M. Harrald, was born December the 12th, 1842, and died October the 11th, 1900. She was a loving mother and a good neighbor, always filling her seat at church. She said her troubles would take her from this world. Only 16 days and 3 hours between their deaths. They both joined the church at Zion August the 27th, 1884, and remained until death. Bro J. M. Harrald was ordained Deacon of Zion church the fourth Saturday in November, 1889, and remained until death. Farewell dear brother and sister too; they are gone from us, and them no more we'll see, but, let's try to meet them where parting will come no more.

Ida Elledge (daughter of Rev. J. C. and Selene Elledge) was born October the 4th, 1872 and died September the 23rd, 1901. She was married to John Elledge January the 18th, 1891. There were born unto them five children, one of whom had gone on before her to heaven. She joined the church at Bethel September, the second Saturday, 1896, where she remained a faithful member until death. Her last days were spent in suffering and pain which were borne with patience. She leaves a husband, four children and many friends to mourn her death.

Farewell dear husband, children and friends,
This day my life of sorrow and trouble ends;
To-morrow's rising sun I'll never see,
But my soul will be with God in Eternity.

Samuel Sebastian was born April the 22nd, 1852, and died June the 13th, 1901. His stay on earth was 49 years, 1 month and 21 days. He was married to Mary Blackburn in February 1872, and unto them were born twelve children. Seven girls and four boys now living, — one has gone to the spirit world to sing the praises of God. He lived to see five of his children baptized in the fellowship of the Baptist church. He professed a hope in Christ in October 1883, and joined the Baptist church at Rock Creek, and spent a large sum of his means in building a good church-house. Soon after the house was completed the church undertaken to pass some resolutions,

and took in a member that was excluded for drunkenness and fighting, which caused dissatisfaction with many of the leading members, who, with Bro. Samey, took their letters and went into the constitution of a new church, where he lived a consistent member until he got a letter and joined Round Mountain church, where he spent the remainder of his days. He was a man that loved his family. He shed many tears over his children. His doors were always open to the poor ministers of the gospel and all good civilized people. He was a pattern as a citizon, a lover of the church, always filled his seat with his family as much as he possibly could.

Papa will fill his seat at church no more,
Children prepare to meet him on the other shore;
Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

May the God who takes the husband's life,
Be the God and guide of the bereft wife;
May He who called dear papa home,
Lead the children by His mighty arm.

—W. F. Gregory, Chairman of Com.

Rebecca Hanks was born October the 12th, 1862, and joined the church at White Oak September the 5th, 1894, and was baptized by Eld. A. McKnight. She departed this life November the 12th, 1900, making a stay on earth of 38 years and 1 month. One more of our friends is gone to their long eternal home. May we be ready too, when death comes. to bid this world adiew.—Clerk.

Sallie McGrady (wife of Wm. McGrady) was born February the 8th, 1849. She professed a hope in Christ early in life and joined the church at Mount Zion where she lived a consistent member for many years. She then joined with the church at Mulberry, where she remained until the constitution of Fair View church, where she joined and remained until her death, August the 11th, 1901. Her last words about death were that she dreaded the sting of death, but there was light beyond. She said to her son: "Daniel be a good boy." She asked God to blees him.

One precious to our hearts is gone,
The voice we loved is stilled;
The place made vacant in our home,
Can never more be filled.

Our Father in His wisdom called,
The boon His love had given;
And though on earth the body lies
The soul is safe in heaven.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Primitive Baptist Association, and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent in the Association; who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to five delegates. In their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application and good recommendation, dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since the last Association.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in her union.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular decorum.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually, by a majority of the votes of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

5. New churches or any regular Baptist church of Jesus Christ of our Faith and Order in good standing either dismissed by letter from Sister Associations, or by application and good recommendation, by sending up letter and delegates shall be admitted into the union.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

9. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the Association, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those moneys shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same, and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a Secretary

appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourned.

12. Amendment to this form of Government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it expedient by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

13. The Association shall act as an advisory council and shall endeavor to preserve a general union of the churches, and also preserve a chain of communion among the churches and give advice in matters of difficulty.

14. The Association shall inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the Association.

15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

16. The Association may correspond with Sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing, who may be of our faith and order, to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

17. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain the same as they may choose.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any, except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

4. He shall strictly adhere to his subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who speaks before, by making remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association, without liberty obtained from the body, for his absence.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association requires.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless the association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are One.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances, and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the Resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.	Saturday.	Baptism.	Letter.	Applic'n.	Dismis'd.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Contribution.
Bethany	Owens & Wood	Daniel Wood	Round Mt'n, N. C.	4		1		1			53	$ .75
Bethel	Brooks, Owens & Wood	D. S. Elledge	Hays, "	2				1		1	25	.75
Cane Creek	Greogry, Wood & Owens	H. A. Adams	Halls Mills, "	3		2					33	.90
Center	Owens, Brooks & Roten	F. M. Adams	Fairplains, "	1							67	1.10
Elkin Valley	Greogry & Woodruff	O. L. Darnell	Elkin, "	4				2		2	28	.50
Fair View	Owens & Wood	S. C. Church	Halls Mills, "	2	1		2			1	35	1.00
Friendship	J. O. Wood	J. M. Gentry	Elkin, "	2			4	4			20	.60
Garden Creek	Wm. Miles	J. M. Brown	Joynes, "	1							41	.75
Liberty Knob	Wm. Miles	G. W. Miles	Miles, "	3							43	.85
Oak Level	Barker & Sebastian	J. P. Cockerham	Benham, "	3				1	1		34	.50
Pleasant Grove	W. F. Greogry	J. W. Mahaffey	Buck, "	4	1				5	1	49	.40
Rachel	Eli Sebastian	C. E. Dimmette	Lomax, "	1				1	2		81	.95
Roaring River	Wm. Miles	J. T. Holbrook	Joynes, "	4							79	.90
Round Hill	Elledge & Sebastian	M. F. Richardson	Dockery, "	2							74	.65
Round Mt'n	Eli Sebastian	Jas. L. Wood	Round Mt'n, "	1	2	1		9	1	2	110	1.15
White Oak	Sebastian & Barker	F. M. Walker	Parks, "	2						1	41	.85
Zion	Owens, Sebastian & Walker	W. M. Harrald	Hay Meadow "	4	2	1	1			2	64	1.00
Oak Grove	W. F. Greogry	Abram Ayers	Pine Ridge, "								19	.75
			Totals,		6	5	7	19	9	10	896	$14.35